

AN HON. MEMBER: Chitrakut is in Uttar Pradesh.

ANOTHER HON. MEMBER: Shri Vajpayee should first visit Uttar Pradesh and find out himself (*Interruption*)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE Mr Speaker, Sir, Chitrakut in Uttar Pradesh is adjacent to Madhya Pradesh border. You may please ask the hon. Minister so that the point is made clear please ask him as to which State, Madhya Pradesh or Uttar Pradesh, was in his mind when he was making a reference to Chitrakut (*Interruptions*)

MR SPEAKER No, Sir (*Interruptions*)

MR SPEAKER Question No 456

[*English*]

10 Telecom. Links in Orissa

456 SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of important places in Orissa to be provided with STD facilities and other telecommunication links during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) Subject to availability of resources, the names of places in Orissa planned to be provided with STD facilities and other telecommunication links in 1992-93 are given in statements 'A' and 'B'

STATEMENT A

Names of the Exchanges proposed to be provided with STD facility during 1992-93

S No	Name of Exchange
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1	Aul
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2	Katikata
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S.No.	Name of Exchange
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3	Keginga
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4	Deogarh
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5	Bonai
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6	Khanar Road
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7	Raj Khariar
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8	Nawapara
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9	Karanjia
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10	Bangamunda
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11	Athgarh
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12	Chhendipada
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13	Surada
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14	Purusotampur
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15	Buguda
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16	Khalikote
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17	Jaipatna
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18	Daspalla
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19	Khandapara
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20	Attabira
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21	Basudevpur
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22	Nagram
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23	Rupsa
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24	Panital
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25	Belpora
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S No	Name of Exchange	S No	Name of Exchange
1	2	1	2
26	Binka	48	Bilei Pada
27	Harishankar Road	49	Gandia
28	Loisinga	50	Hanchandandipur
29	Salebhata	51	Ghaigaon
30	Bahugram	52	Joranda
31	Balikuda	53	Tirtol
32	Baramba	54	Kankarada
33	Binjhapur	55	Banamalipur
34	Chhatia	56	Balakati
35	Laraka	57	Godaygin
36	Kujang	58	Bhatli
37	Kandarpur	59	Radabahal
38	Kishore Nagar	60	Sohela
39	Khuntuni	61	Siakhandaeta
40	Kuakhia	62	Palkmal
41	Kugupur	63	Pata Pur
42	Mouda	64	Pudaman
43	Sunbuda	65	Seregad (GM)
44	Nischinta Koili	66	Narla Road
45	Raghunathpur	67	Sinapali
46	Mahakal Pada	68	Jamsola
47	Pani Koili	69	Joshipur

S.No.	Name of Exchange	S.No.	Name of Exchange
1	2	1	2
70.	Kantamal	92.	Melcramunda
71.	Bausuni	93.	Romenda
72.	Gop	94.	Bisepur
73.	Nachuni	95.	Rupa Road
74.	Rajsunakhala	96.	Upkela
75.	Navahai	97.	Haiadihi
76.	Mohana	98.	Bhuban
77.	Katatpur	99.	Parjang
78.	Sarankul	STATEMENT B	
79.	Chhartana	<i>List of Proposed Telecom Links, Radio (Transmission Schemes)</i>	
80.	Odagaon	<hr/>	
81.	Bahad Jhola	<i>Sl.No. Name of the Telecom Link</i>	
82.	Tigikia	1	2
83.	Brahmanipur	1.	Aul - Kendrapara
84.	Gin Pur	2.	Bailishmouza - Cuttak
85.	Bari-Cuttack	3.	Danpur - Kendrapara
86.	Purunapanipur	4.	Kandarpur -cuttak
87.	Bisra	5.	Kusupur - Kendrapara
88.	Lathikata	6.	Korua — Kendrapara
89.	Padiabahal	7.	Mahakalpada - Kendrappra
90.	Dahaspur	8.	Tigiria - Athgarh
91.	Bagdehi	9.	Olatpur - Cuttak

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(Transmission Schemes)*

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6.	Korua — Kendrapara
7.	Mahakalpada - Kendrappra
8.	Tigiria - Athgarh
9.	Olatpur - Cuttak

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Telecom Link</i>	<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Telecom Link</i>
1	2	1	2
10.	Panchupandau -Cuttack	32.	Ambadola - Bisamkatak
11.	Ranghunathpur - Jagatsingpur	33.	Bolpariguda - Deypore (K)
12.	Rajnagar - Pattamundai	34.	Kasipur - Koraput
13.	Rajkanika - Pattamundai	35.	Bagdehi - Jharsubuda
14.	Sunguda - Salepur	36.	Kantapali - Bargarh
15.	Tiran - paradip	37.	Balasore - Baripada
16.	Aska - Shorgarh	38.	Brhampur - Pthara- Bhanjng
17.	Bausuni - Sonepur	39.	Cutck-Nitigiri- Kendrapara
18.	Kantamai - Sonepur	40.	Jharsuguda- Brajrajnagar
19.	Purumakatak - Boudh	41.	Kesinga- Titlagarh
20.	Boula - Bhadrak	42.	Koraput-R-Lakhimpur
21.	Jamsola - Baripada	43.	Pariekhamundi-R/R-S' K' KLM (Srikakulam)
22.	Khunta- Udala	44.	Rajgangpur-Raurkela
23.	Pathuri - Baripada	45.	Koraput-Chitradurga
24.	Suliapada - Baripada	46.	Cuttak-Nathgiri
25.	Balakati - Bhubaneshwar		
26.	Banmalipur - Bhubaneswar		
27.	Balianta - Bhubandeshwar		
28.	Gop - Nimapara		
29.	Kanas - Jatni		
30.	Rajranpur - Khurda		
31.	Chitrakonda - Ballmela		

SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no doubt that the hon. Minister has sanctioned a number of places in Orissa which require immediate STD connection. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether while providing this STD facility to a particular place, he will give preference to sub-Divisional headquarters or Tehsil headquarters. There are some sub-divisional headquarters which are not included in the list. I would request the Minister to at least include the sub-divisional head-

quarters in the list that is going to be prepared for the current year.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Mr. Speaker, Sir the policy of the Government is to give priority to a district headquarter. I am happy to inform the House and especially to the hon. member from Orissa that all district headquarters in Orissa have been provided with STD facility. Out of 58 sub-divisional headquarters, 48 have been provided with STD. Only 10 are left. I must compliment the Officers and workers of Orissa. About 50 per cent of electronic exchanges have been replaced (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

All the equal for us and no one is discriminated against. But others may interpret it in a different way.

[*English*]

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, 26 of the pilgrimage and tourists centres have been given STD facility. Only 10 are left. If the hon Member has anything in mind, he may give this information to me and I will certainly give priority to that place.

SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Sir, at least, one Sub-Divisional Headquarters, in my constituency, is left out now and that is Nilgiri. It is most essential because here concentration of tribal population is there.

I would request the hon. Minister that he should also, at least, include this Sub-Divisional Headquarters along with the other Sub-Divisional Headquarters which have large concentrations of tribal population.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: This is a request from Mrs. Sethi that she must contact you everyday. I will certainly get it done.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Sir, certainly, the progress made by the Government in the expansion of tele-communication facilities in the country is spectacular and is commendable.

Sir, 99 places have been named in the statement that has been supplied to us as telephone Exchange where STD facility in Orissa will be provided this, year.

I would like to know from the hon. Minister, through you, as to what will be the percentage of the total number of exchanges in Orissa that will be provided with the STD facility and how does it compare with the national average. At the same time, the important Sub-Divisional Headquarters like Deogarh, which will soon have the distinction of being the District Headquarters, have yet to be provided with the same facility. The ples taken is that, there is some delay in getting the required equipment and so on. I want to know whether Deogarh and Pallahara will also be included.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, as I said earlier, Orissa is slightly ahead as far as the Electronic Exchanges are concerned. But that is because, they have a less number of Exchanges compared to the other parts of the country. I do agree with this.

As far as the nation is concerned, we have 50 per cent of Electronic Exchanges functioning in Orissa today. When, our government took over - if the hon. Member of Parliament Shri Vaipayee does not give a reflection of praising the Government there were 66 Electronic Exchanges with STD facility in Orissa. At that time the Janta Dal and your Government were there. So, within seven months of our coming to power, we have added another one hundred. And this year, we are going to add another 99.

So, we are giving a boost to the backward States like Orissa in order to see that in communication, they are one of the best States.